

Greater Vernon Work Group

Notes

September 17, 2004

1:00 – 3:00 am

Respectively Submitted by Scott Pratt

Attendees:

Doug Sakaguchi
Lans Stavast

Terry Larsen
Ranae Bragonji

Alan Mitchell

Agenda:

Welcome and introductions

Data/Assignments

Other

Sagebrush Steppe Fieldtrip

Set the date for the next meeting

Welcome

Alan Mitchell was introduced as the fill in for Elizabeth as she had other commitments at this time.

Data/Assignments

The group discussed Jackee Alston and Matt Palmer leaving their respective organization and suggested that Scott contact them to collect their data assignments.

The following table was updated and assignments were made:

Wildlife Habitat for Sage Grouse and Pygmy Rabbit				
Current/Past	Future	Standards	Who	When
	Summary of Habitat Needs including winter habitat for sage brush obligate species		Jackee Alston Dana Truman	
		Literature Review (Connely etc)	Jackee Alston	
FS Raptor Poles (GIS)			Ranea Bragonje Karen Hartman	
		SAGR Guidelines and DWR Management Plan		
		PECE Standards	Scott Pratt	
Sage Grouse Numbers			Jackee Alston Tom Becker	

Lek Counts Brood Counts	Possible dog trial assistance		George Pace Bob Pehrson Calvin Olsen Robert Bennion Parker Nielson	January
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Vegetation				
Current/Past	Future	Standards	Who	When
Map of Range Conditions				
Location and condition of Sagebrush Communities - age class - edge			Ranea Bragonje Lans Stavast	
		Forest Service Plan Standards (Rangeland Health Standards)	Forest Service	
Map of Landscape Veg Types			Forest Service	
Past Veg Projects - Fires - Research - Seedings - Hazardous Fuels Projects	Hazardous Fuels Projects		BLM Forest Service USU NRCS	
		BLM Rangeland Health Standards	BLM Randy Swilling	
Trend Studies Location/data			BLM Forest Service DWR	January
Rain/Precipitation			Doug	
Soils			NRCS	
	Suitable Species List for Vegetation		Jackee Alston	
	Range Site Descriptions		NRCS	

Riparian				
Current/Past	Future	Standards	Who	When
Location and Condition of Riparian Zones/Wet Meadows			FS/BLM/NRCS	
Existing Water Diversion Structures			FS/BLM/NRCS	
Map of Perennial Streams			FS/BLM/NRCS	
Riparian Fences and other range improvements			FS/BLM/NRCS	
Entrenchment on Vernon Creek			Green (Landowner)	
Water Flows (season)			FS (Harker)	

Livestock Management				
Current/Past	Future	Standards	Who	When
Location of Fences			FS/BLM/NRCS/Landowner	
Location of Pipelines			FS/BLM/NRCS/Landowner	
Grazing Plans/Schedules			FS/BLM/NRCS/Landowner	

Management Strategies				
Current/Past	Future	Standards	Who	When
	Chaining		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Aerator		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Fire		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Bull Hog		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Roller Chopper		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Pipelines		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Fences		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Herbicide		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Dixie Harrow		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Grazing Regime		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	
	Suitable Species		USU/NRCS Fact Sheets	

Allan and others in the group discussed the following information related to water flows in Vernon Creek and Benion Canyon:

Vernon Creek flows year-round to the reservoir. Overflow from the reservoir flows on average beginning in January and continuing until May.

Benion Canyon flows year-round to the mouth of the canyon then is piped to the Vernon reservoir.

Ranae and Lans brought a map that showed sagebrush density (although they noted some inaccuracies). The group determined that enough information could be collected by the next meeting that a tour of the Vernon area could prove useful in validating maps and data. This would also be an opportunity to begin identifying areas that are not in the condition of "What we want."

The next meeting and tour was scheduled for **October 15th at 9:00 am**. Everyone will meet at the **Benmore Guard station**. Lunch will be provided.